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INDIAN-SRI LANKAN INITIATIVE

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1. AS PROMISED IN REF A, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER CALLED ON HINZ ON DECEMBER 14 TO DISCUSS REF B. WITH TIME TO REFLECT, HINZ HAD CHANGED HIS MIND ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING INFORMAL CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING IN HAMBURG. HE NOW FEELS A MEETING HERE WOULD MAKE THE FRG NOT ONLY HOST BUT APPARENT SPONSOR OR ORIGINATOR OF MEETING. DURING MEETING, HINZ CALLED HIS GROUP OF 77 CONTACT, A SRI LANKAN IN LONDON. THE CONTACT APPARENTLY ALSO OPPOSES A MEETING IN HAMBURG, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIS BELIEF THAT MOST LDC PARTICIPANTS ARE ON VERY TIGHT BUDGETS AND SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD MORE DAYS AND MORE TRAVEL IN EUROPE. HINZ HAS CONTACTED THE OECD AND EXPECTS ANSWERS DIRECT FROM OECD CAPITALS BY DECEMBER 21. HE SAID THAT IF OTHERS OPPOSED THE PROPOSED VENUE THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ARRANGE AN ALTERNATE SITE. IN THE ABSENCE OF OTHER OBJECTIONS, HE SEEMS CONTENT TO MEET IN GENEVA.

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2. HINZ ALSO SAID THE GROUP OF 77 NOW SUGGESTS THE INFORMAL

MEETING BE HELD ON JANUARY 22 IN GENEVA. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT JANUARY 22 WOULD BE EVEN LESS CONVENIENT TO DEPARTMENT (BANK) THAN THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED DATE.

3. COMMENT: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WAS SURPRISED AT HINZ" CHANGE OF MIND SINCE TALKING WITH HIM ON DECEMBER 13. HE SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED THAT, WITH THE MEETING IN HAMBURG, THE FRG WOULD BE ASSUMING A GREATER ROLE THAN IT WISHES AND THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO CRITICISM IN BOTH THE GROUP OF 77 AND OECD (PRIMARILY UK) CIRCLES. HE HAS HAD NO RESPONSE FROM ANY OECD MEMBERS OTHER THAN U.S. WE THINK THAT IF A CHANGE OF VENUE IS DESIRED IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE OTHER OECD PARTICIPANTS RAISE OBJECTIONS SUCH AS WERE STATED IN REF B. HINZ HAS PROMISED TO REPORT THE RESPONSES OF OTHER OECD MEMBERS TO US EARLY NEXT WEEK.KISELYAK

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